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聖乳を吸い、特定元素を自在に操る能力者……

その名もクェイサー。

エドガーの肉体を乗っ取ったフリードリヒ・タナーは「黄昏（たそがれ）の先導者」を使用して水の聖堂へと突入する！

だがエドガーを追うサーシャの前に立ちふさがったのはジータの兄ジョシュアだった……!!

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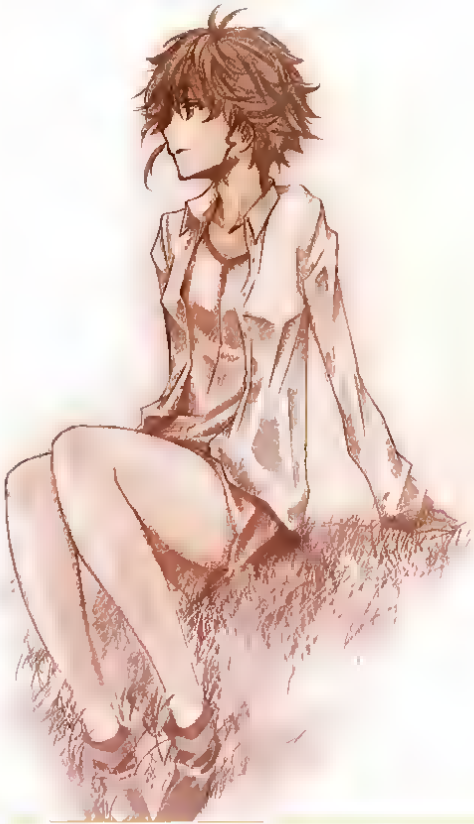

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STORY

【前巻までのお話】女性の聖乳を奪うことで、特定元素を自在に操ることができる能力者、その名もクェイサー。再び聖ミハイロフ学園に戻った鉄のクェイサー、サーシャだったが、アトスの神罰執行部隊メデオラが学園を襲う。追いつめられたまふゆたちを救ったのは、皮肉にもパワーアップされたアデプトのションュアだった。しかし彼の放ったサーキットはエドガーの中に被っていた。もう1つの人格を呼び醒ましたのであった。

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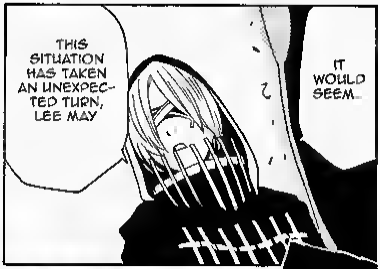
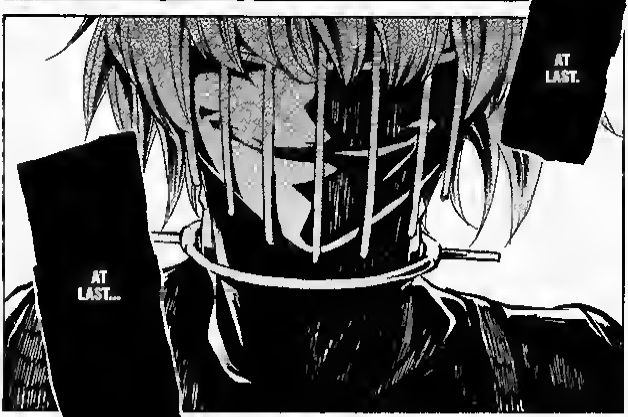
Chapter 58: Bullet Scars

NO ONE?
HATE.
I HAVE AND I HATE AND I HATE.
IT'S ALL I DO, ALL I'VE DONE FOR AS LONG AS I CAN REMEMBER.
SO WHY AM I NOW FILLED WITH SOMETHING THAT MAKES ALL MY ANGER SEEM AS NOTHING?
WHY DO I FEEL THIS FEAR AND REVULSION, AS IF A WAVE OF FILTH CAME WASHING OVER ME?
WELL THEN, WHAT IF I SAY I'M THE TRUE OWNER OF THIS VESSEL...?
AW, I'M HURT!
MAFUYU-SAN, PLEASE TELL ME I'M NOT THAT FORGETTABLE?!
?!
AND WHY AM I SMILING?
AH...
THE BOY.
IT'S BECAUSE WHEN I LOOK AT HIM...
...I SEE THE CREST MAKER.

MY TRUE NAME
"NITTA"? OH, THAT WAS JUST AN ALIAS.
YOU CAN'T BE NITTA?!
YOU

SHUDDER
LEE MAY?


THIS SITUATION HAS TAKEN AN UNEXPECTED TURN, LEE MAY
IT WOULD SEEM...


AT LAST.
AT LAST...

I HEAR HIS MOCKING LAUGHTER IN THE CHILD'S VOICE...

IS FRIEDRICH TANNER!

...AND I THANK GOD...

...FOR FINALLY GRANTING ME THIS MOMENT...

!!

SOME CALLED ME THE "DOUBLE-HEADED CREST MAKER"

SO PLEASED TO MEET ALL OF YOU!

I'VE BEEN DROWNING IN IT FOR SO LONG.

...TO VOMIT ALL MY HATRED.

7 YEARS AGO
HONNNK
CROWD
HONK
HONK-HONNK
CROWD

BUT I WANT TO GO HOME!

DO YOU REMEMBER HIM?
WE PROMISED THAT AS SOON AS THE FIGHTING'S OVER YOU'D COME AND SING FOR HIM!
THEY'RE HAPPY BECAUSE GENERAL MESAGI IS ABOUT TO DECLARE VICTORY!
EVERYONE'S JUST HAVING A BIG PARTY TODAY.
IT'S OKAY, HONEY.

MOTHER AND FATHER WERE JOKING AND LAUGHING...

AFTER ALL, HOW ELSE IS HE GOING TO SPEND ALL THAT MONEY THAT'S BEEN INVESTED IN HIM?

AND BESIDES, LEE MAY

HE NEEDS US TO HELP HIM OUT!

FIDGET

...BUT I HATED IT FROM THE START.

PLEASE

aaaahh...!

AND IT'S ALL THANKS TO YOU, THE GOOD AND GENEROUS PEOPLE GATHERED HERE TONIGHT!

IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE, I WILL BE ABLE TO BRING JUSTICE AND THE RULE OF LAW TO THIS LONG-SUFFERING NATION

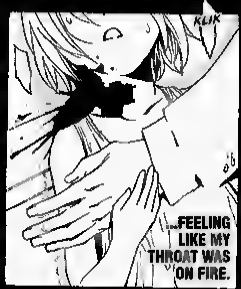
AND AT LONG LAST

SO A TOAS—
WHOMM
—T—?
BLAM
CLINK
WHOOMM
WHOMM
OH...
WHOOM
BADADADADA
?!!
SPAT
THOK
KHA...

BLAM
CHUH!
BAM
BAM
KYAAA!!
BLAM
BAM
BAM

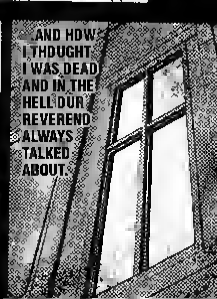
gleam
I REMEMBER...
SQUELCH

KLAK
AND I REMEMBER SEEING MOTHER WITH ONLY HALF HER FACE...


KLIK
...FEELING LIKE MY THROAT WAS ON FIRE.

...AHD HDW ALL THAT REMAINED OF FATHER WAS AH ARM...

LOOM


AND HDW I THDUGHT I WAS DEAD AND IN THE HELL DUR REVEREND ALWAYS TALKED ABOUT.

...AND IN A DIFFERENT HELL ALTOGETHER.
BUT I WAS ALIVE...
SPAK
...WERE TAKEN TO ONE OF THE GUERRILLA'S TRAINING CAMPS.
BLAM BLAM
KRAK
THOSE WHO SURVIVED THE MASSACRE...
BLAM
YOU GIRLS HAVE TWO IMPORTANT JOBS!
THE FIRST JOB...
IS TO KILL THE PIGS OF THE FALSE REGIME!
BAM BAM

THE OTHER JOB...

SLAM
...IS TO MAKE MORE SOLDIERS.
TAKE THEM OFF.

I WAS FUCKED BY AN ENDLESS LINE OF MEN ALMOST EVERY NIGHT.
MY BODY WAS FAR FROM READY FOR ANYTHING LIKE THAT.
BUT EVEN WHEN I THOUGHT I WAS BEING TORN APART...
...I MADE MYSELF NOT CARE.

AND AFTER A WHILE I BECAME ONE OF THEM.

ANOTHER CHILD SOLDIER.

BUT SINCE I WAS A GIRL, AND COULDN'T EVEN SPEAK...

...WHENEVER THEY GOT BORED I WAS EASY PREY FOR MY COMRADES AS WELL.

AS I GREW UP, I MADE MY BODY INTO A TOOL.

A WEAPON THAT TOOK DESIRE AND GAVE DEATH IN RETURN.

SOON, I FORGOT I WAS A PERSON...

...AND TOOK REFUGE IN BEING JUST A THING.

WELL YEAH

YOU MEAN THE...

THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY OP...

IT'S IRONIC, BUT HEARING THAT NAME GAVE ME HOPE.

AND ON THAT SAME DAY...
RISE FROM YOUR BED...
...HOLY WOMEN.
CREAAAK

YOUR DEFILEMENT ONLY MAKES YOUR BEAUTY SHINE THE BRIGHTER...

...AND IN YOUR SUFFERING, YOU HAVE LEARNED ONE OF THE GREAT TRUTHS OF THIS WORLD

THAT STRENGTH MUST ONLY BE MEASURED IN MERCY

"THE DOUBLE-HEADED CREST MAKER"
FRIEDRICH TANNER...?
YOU THERE GRISHA'S FRIEND
THE FAVOR THAT WAS ASKED OF YOU?
YOU'LL BE PLEASED TO KNOW IT WORKED PERFECTLY
BUT HOW...?
THE THING! THE EGG HE GAVE ME, THE ONE I
BUT WHAT HAPPENED TO EDGAR?!

VIR-TUAL?!

EDGAR?

EDGAR'S GONE

THAT WAS JUST A VIRTUAL PERSONALITY I CONSTRUCTED TO KEEP THIS BODY ALIVE AND FUNCTIONING

CLICK

CLICK

DIDN'T WE GET REPORTS OF HIS DEATH?

"THE DOUBLE-HEADED CREST MAKER"?

....?!

SSSSS

SSSSS

WAIT! DO NOT DO THIS, LEE MAY!!

CLICK

ZZZIP

BOOM

!!

JIITA
II!!
WWWW

FSSSHHH
WWMMM

AND I DO HOPE YOU HAVEN'T DAMAGED IT, THINGS ARE ABOUT TO BECOME SERIOUS

CLINK

TING

SSSSSSS

MUCH TOO CLOSE

YOU WERE GIVEN A "HEAVEN'S THRONE"-CLASS CREST

YOU NEED TO LEARN HOW TO HANDLE IT

?!

SO YOU'VE ALLIED YOURSELF WITH A MASS MURDERER AND TERRORIST FOR HIRE

WELL, DON'T THINK THAT WILL SAVE YOU...

...ADEPT!

WHOOO

JOSHUA-SAN?!
BROTHER?!
FORGIVE ME, MISS ORIBE
...BUT THE ONE WHO ALLOWED ME TO COME HERE ALSO COMMANDED ME TO REVIVE THIS MAN...
...AND TO PROTECT HIM AT ALL COSTS!
SISTER, I KNOW YOU UNDER-STAND!
AFTER ALL...
...DON'T WE BOTH STAND PROUD AS APOSTLES OF THE ADEPTS?!

I'M SORRY
MAFUYU I...
BUT...
JIITA!!
JOSHUA-SAN!!
IF YOU'RE NOT WILLING TO FIGHT THEM, MAFUYU-SAN...
YOU SHOULD STAND ASIDE

CLACK
CLICK
RATTLE
THUNK
LEE MAY CAN'T BE REACHED
...AND I WON'T BACK DOWN EITHER
KILL

KILL
KILL
KILL YOU
KILL
DADADADADADADADADADADADA
TATATATATATATATATATATAT
KILL YOU
DADADADADADADADADADADA
TATATATATATATATATATATA
KILL YOU
KILL YOU
I'LL KILL YOU
KILL YOU
I'LL KILL YOU

ALL
YOU

HOW THE BORING, ORDINARY EVERYDAY LIFE YOU COULDN'T WAIT TO LEAVE BEHIND...
TYPICAL, ISN'T IT?
HAAH...
HAAAH...
YOU KNOW, I DON'T THINK I'VE EVER HAD AS MUCH FUN AS WHEN I WAS JUST A STUDENT HERE.
SSSLLPP
ALONE

...ENDS UP BEING YOUR MOST CHERISHED MEMORY.
CRACK
PSSHH
I WOULDN'T KNOW.
I DON'T THINK I'VE EVER HAD ANY BORING, ORDINARY EVERYDAYS.
AAH...
WHAT A SAD FATE...
KRINK
BOOM
TO DIE YEAR-NING FOR BORE-DOM!!
HAAAH!!
FWOOOSH

SSSSSS
AAAAAAAAAA
FOOOM
Tremble!
HAHH
AA

THE HUMAN BODY CAN CONSIST OF UP TO SOME 60 TRILLION CELLS.

AS YOU SAID, YOURS WERE ALL INFECTED, WHICH MADE YOU IMPOSSIBLE TO KILL...

BUT IF THEY WERE ALL INCINERATED AT THE SAME TIME, I WAS HOPING IT'D BE SOMETHING YOU COULDN'T COME BACK FROM...

I... I DID IT!

BUT...

...DID IT TAKE TOO LONG?

AM I TOO LATE?

SASHA...

OH...

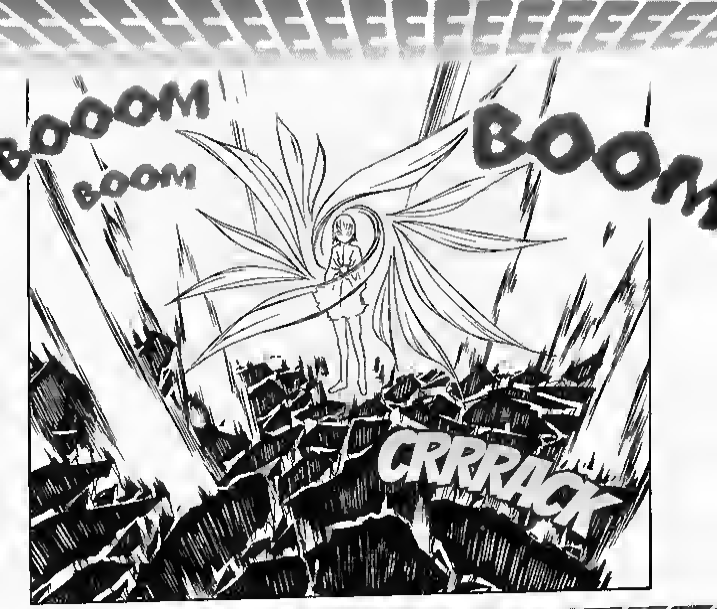
THE TASTE OF YOUR IRON...

...IS THE SAME AS YOUR BLOOD.

SUCH A DELICIOUS WAY TO END...

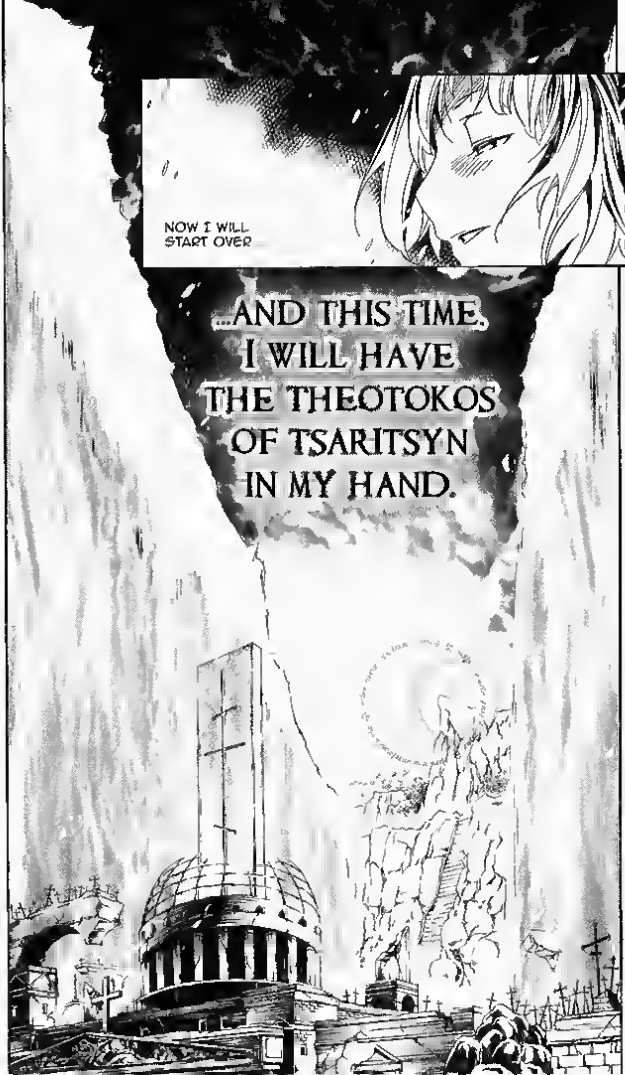
MAFUYU, PLEASE BE SAFE!
RRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRR
SHIIINNN
CHAH!!
CLANG
GO
GO
GO!!!

KEEP IT UP, YOU TWO
IT'LL TAKE A WHILE FOR ME...
...TO PROPERLY ACTIVATE THIS CIRCUIT
rustle
RRRREEEEEEEE
...!!
THE "NOAH"!!
INDEED...
STAY ALIVE, CHILD. AND SOON YOU'LL BEAR WITNESS TO ITS TRUE POWER...
HHHH!!


BOOOM
BOOM
BOOM
CRRRACK

...AS I CALL UPON THE WAVES OF CONVERGENCE...

...AND LET THE "GOLDEN NOAH" LIFT THE VEIL BETWEEN THE NOW...
...AND THE SECRET WORLD OF UNTOLD POSSIBILITIES.
EEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEE
THAT'S THE WATER SANCTUARY?!
WHAT'S HAPPENING?!



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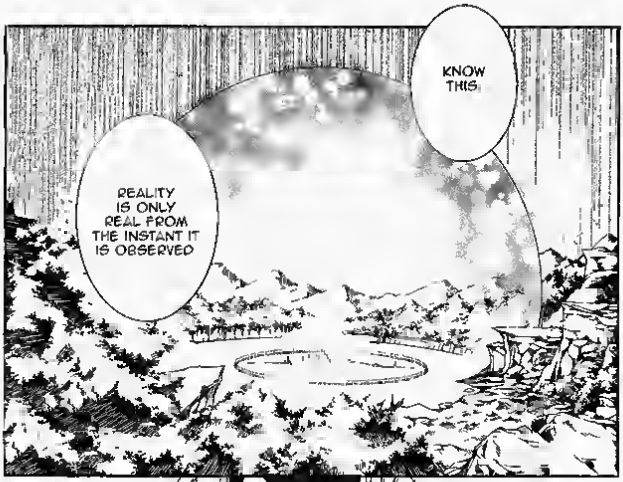
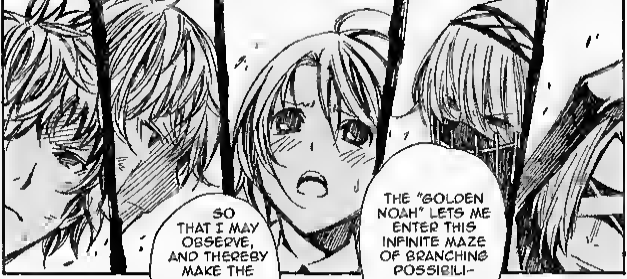



THE "GOLDEN NOAH" LETS ME ENTER THIS INFINITE MAZE OF BRANCHING POSSIBILI-TIES
SO THAT I MAY OBSERVE, AND THEREBY MAKE THE MOMENTS OF MY CHOOSING PART OF OUR NEW REALITY

FWOOOOOMM
RIGHT NOW, BEFORE YOUR VERY EYES
STEP BY STEP, I'M RE-CREATING THE MOMENT THAT *SHOULD* HAVE LED TO MY ABSOLUTE TRIUMPH
BUT THIS TIME, I WILL CLEANSE IT OF ALL THE FLAWS THAT MADE MY DEATH EVEN REMOTELY PLAUSIBLE

WHOSE COMING CAN ONLY BE INTER-RUPTED
—BY THE "GOLDEN NOAH" AT ITS MOST POWERFUL
WOOOO

A PERFECT MOMENT FROZEN IN TIME
I WILL MAKE IT PURE

OOOOOOOOMMMMMMMMMMMMMM

NOW ARE YOU ALL READY...

TO FACE OUR GRAND NEW FUTURE?

YOU'VE GOT TO BE JOKING!

YOU'RE PUSHING THE RESET BUTTON ON REALITY?

DOF

DOF

CREAK

SHIT...

YOU'VE BEEN PLAYING TOO MANY GAMES, BOY!

SASHA!!

Chapter 59: Schrödinger's Sasha

SASHA!
PLEASE...
EDGAR—
NO, FRIEDRICH TANNER...
WE HAVE TO STOP HIM!
TAN-NER?!
OKAY, NOW IT STARTS TO MAKE SENSE
I DON'T NEED A DO-OVER, TAN-NER!
I'LL JUST KILL YOU THE SAME WAY AGAIN!
YEAH!
BROTHER
SKREEEE
CCRRR

WRRRRR
FWOOOSSH
FWSSH
SSSHHH
SSHH
SSSHH
SSSSHHH
!!
BOOOM

FSSSSSHHH
DAMN...
SHE MIXED CARBON PARTICLES WITH THE DUST TO MAKE IT EXPLODE!
!!
MA-FUYU-SAN
I'M ENTERING THE SANCTUARY TO BRING BACK THE THEOTOKOS
WWOOOMMM
...AND THEN I'M COMING FOR YOUR "MARIA OF THE SWORD".
MMMMM
ZZZ
WAIT!!
THIS TIME, SHE WHO SLEEPS WILL AWAKEN

RREEEEEEE

La Pucelle!

THE POWER OF THAT THING...!!

MAFUYU'S SWORDS ARE KEEPING THE GATEWAY OPEN!

MAYBE I CAN MAKE IT THROUGH...!

KKKZZZ

MAFUYU!!

NO ONE

NO ONE COULD'VE WANTED THIS TO HAPPEN!

NOT JIITA... NOT JOSHUA... NOT EDGAR!

SASHA...

...PLEASE!!

I'M GOING IN!

TOK
TOK
TOK
TOK
TOK
HAAAAH!!
?!
LEE MAY!!
AAAH...! THEY'RE BREAKING!!
KRSSSH

THIS...

THIS IS "THE WORLD OF UNTOLD POSSIBILITIES"...?

INDEED.

WE ARE IN THE MOMENT RIGHT BEFORE MY FRIEDRICH TANNER-BODY WAS SO CRUELLY MURDERED.

...!!

IT WAS GETTING LONELY IN HERE, SO I DECIDED TO SPLIT THE WORKLOAD

EDGAR?!

SHOCK

YOU MEAN THE "NOAH" LETS YOU DO THAT TOO...?

CAN IT REALLY BE THAT EASY?

TO FIND A MOMENT LIKE THAT?

I MEAN...

...TO FIND A MOMENT WHERE I ACTUALLY SURVIVED AND UNLOCKED THE WATER SANCTUARY.

...WITH THESE HUSKS IN MY POSSESSION, I CAN NAVIGATE THE POSSIBILITIES FAR MORE EFFICIENTLY...

NOW...

...AND THE COPPER GIRL...

THE IRON BOY...

DO YOU KNOW WHAT LED TO MY DEATH?

...PERFORMED A SIMULTANEOUS ATTACK WITH THE NEODYMIUM USER.

HOWEVER...

...THE PROBABILITY OF THEIR ATTACK ACTUALLY KILLING ME WAS IN FACT VERY LOW.

WOOMM

WOOMM

WOOMM

WOO

zwop!

IS IT ME, OR IS THAT CIRCUIT INSANELY OVER-POWERED?

I SHOULD BE ABLE TO FIND ONE BEFORE LONG AND MAKE IT REALITY

JUST WAIT HERE FOR A WHILE

SO, TO ANSWER YOUR QUES-TION

THERE ARE PLENTY OF QUITE PLAUSIBLE POSSIBILI-TIES FOR ME TO HAVE SURVIVED

slump

PLEASE, BROTHER!

WHAT'S WRONG?!

BROTHER?!

DON'T YOU AGREE, BROTHER?

slide

THE CREST...

IT FEELS LIKE IT'S BURNING

IS IT BROKEN SOMEHOW?

AM I?

RRRRRRRR

tch!
I THINK I USED UP A BIT TOO MUCH POWER, THAT'S ALL.
DON'T
DON'T WORRY JIITA
I JUST
BROTHER...?
B-BROTHER...
...PLEASE TAKE MY SOMA!!
ZZZIP!
WHAT...?!
AND WE'RE SIB-LINGS!!
PUT THEM AWAY!!
YOU'RE A QWA-SER!!
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING?!

YOU'RE SURE?

BECAUSE YOU'RE RIGHT, I AM A QWASER.

SO THE THOUGHT OF SOMEONE TAKING MY SOMA—

IT'S HUMILIATING

BUT IF—

IF YOU TRULY NEED IT, BROTHER—

I...

I WILL...

DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME SO MUCH, JIITA!

pat

PUSH

!!

CLATTER

CLICK

WHEN WE CAME IN HERE...
FLINCH
I SHOULD BE HURT, MAYBE EVEN DEAD...
WHEN THE GIRL'S CIRCUIT GAVE OUT, THE "PORTAL" SNAPPED SHUT WITH SUCH FORCE
WE WERE BLOWN AWAY LIKE LEAVES
THIS GUY DID HE...
check

I CAN'T THINK ABOUT THAT NOW

I'M HERE AND I'M ALIVE

AND IF I'M ALIVE, I CAN KILL FRIEDRICH TANNER

CLICK

DID HE PROTECT ME?

IT'S NOT LIKE I EXPECT YOU TO MAKE A BIG DEAL OUT OF IT OR ANYTHING...

?!

THE...

THE TRIGGER IS GONE?!

...BUT DON'T YOU METEORA PEOPLE AT LEAST KNOW HOW TO SAY THANKS?

CLICK

MY POWERS ARE ALMOST GONE, BUT YEAH, I'VE GOT IT.
YOU WERE CARELESS
AND I CONTROL IRON
TRIGGER???
SHOVE
TAP TAP TAP
TAP TAP TAP
TAP TAP TAP
IF YOU MAKE A DEAL WITH ME.
DON'T WORRY
YOU'LL GET IT BACK
ASSHOLE GIVE IT BACK
...
ALL THIS FIGHTING HAS WRUNG ME OUT
I'M ALMOST COMPLETELY DRAINED OF SOMA

SO WHAT DO YOU SAY?
BUT I STILL HAVE ENOUGH IN ME TO TWIST THIS THING INTO A KNOT
FINE
IT'S NOT LIKE IT MATTERS ANYWAY
I WAS RUINED YEARS AGO
GRIT
NO!
NO, DON'T THINK BACK!
THEY'RE DEAD NOW
THEY'RE DEAD

...AND THE IRON USER ISN'T ONE OF THEM
NOT REALLY
HE'S JUST ONE MORE MAN
clutch
COME ON.
MOVE YOUR ARMS.
graze

WHAT... WHAT IS HE...

WHAT'S HAPPENING TO ME?!

hk

hk

D
UD
HUD
-THUD
BA-THUD
BA-THUD

THIS IS...
THIS IS NOT...

NOT LIKE...
...IT ALWAYS WAS...

mf
mm

HHH

HHH

phaah!

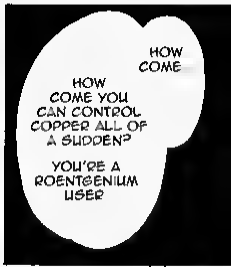
YOU PUT UP A COOL FRONT...
YOU DON'T SAY MUCH, DO YOU?
HHH
HH
...
BUT I SEE RIGHT THROUGH THAT NOW
YOUR SOMA CARRIES TRACES OF YOUR EMOTIONS
YOU'VE BEEN HIDING A GREAT PASSION FOR A VERY LONG TIME...
BUT IT'S STILL BURNING HOT

YOU AND I...
WE'RE ENEMIES
BUT WE'RE BOTH ATHOS
SO...
...WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO WORK TOGETHER AND GET RID OF FRIEDRICH TANNER ONCE AND FOR ALL...
YOU AGREE?
clasp

JIITA...
WARN ME BEFORE YOU MOVE YOUR HEAD!
IT TICKLES!
PLEASE, BROTHER!
HYAA!!
YOUR HAIR!
IT'S SO SPIKY!
UH

EH?
BROTHER
I'VE BEEN MEANING TO ASK YOU...

S-SORRY!
I'M ALL RESTED NOW!
YEP, FIT AS A FIDDLE!
THANK YOU, JIITA!


HOW COME
HOW COME YOU CAN CONTROL COPPER ALL OF A SUDDEN?
YOU'RE A ROENTGENIUM USER

BUT ALL I HAVE TO DO IS THINK OF YOU, AND THEN THE CREST WORKS LIKE A CHARM!
SO TO SPEAK
...
HE GAVE ME SOME OF HIS POWER IN A CREST
ROENTGE-NIUM GOLD AND COPPER ARE ALL IN THE SAME FAMILY...
...AND GOLD AND COPPER HAVE FAIRLY SIMILAR CON FIGURATIONS
SOMEHOW HE USED THAT AS A LOOP-HOLE TO GIVE ME CONTROL OVER COPPER
IT ISN'T EASY

IT'S REALLY AMAZING EVERYTHING HE'S DONE FOR US

DON'T YOU THINK?

BUT—

OIITA...
EVEN IF THERE SHOULD COME A TIME WHEN YOU FEEL YOU HAVE EVERY REASON NOT TO...
PLEASE THINK KINDLY OF HIM
BROTHER ?
...?!
FLAP
OKAY, THEN
BREAK'S OVER

WHERE'S ED...

WHERE'S TANNER?

JUST LEAVE THIS TO ME. JIITA

YOU'RE NOT IN A POSITION TO ASK QUESTIONS IRON USER!

BROTHER, WAIT!

Now Tremble
I WON'T LET ANYONE TOUCH THE THEOTOKOS
and Fall to Your Knees!
IF YOU GET IN MY WAY
—THERE WILL BE NO MERCY

YOU FORGET YOURSELF, BOY!
NOW LET'S GET STARTED!
I DON'T KNEEL BEFORE BUTCHERS!
KRAK

HERE I AM, A ROENTGENIUM USER OF ALL STUPID THINGS.

I'VE BEEN HUMILIATED MY ENTIRE LIFE.

BEING CRAMMED ONTO A STINKING BOAT FOR DAYS ON END WAS JUST THE LATEST OF MY INDIGNITIES.

AND NOW...

IT'S LIKE A DREAM...

SHINNN

KRAK

I'M FACING ATHOS'S FOREMOST QWASER IN BATTLE
AND I'M HOLDING MY OWN
TAP
TAP
TAP
TAP
TAP
TAP
TAP
KRRROOOOMMMM
CLANG

KHUUU...!
BOOOM
NOT YET
PLEASE, NOT YET.
THANK

BROTHER?!

STAY BACK, JIITA!

YOUR BROTHER... ...IS HAVING THE FIGHT OF HIS LIFE...

STAY—

AND THE NEXT ROUND, IRON BOY... ...WILL BE THE LAST

I'M PUTTING MY BODY AND SOUL... ...INTO WHAT'S COMING.

YOU READY?

READY

Chapter 60: Ashes and Diamonds

OH!
OH NO...
THAT CUP WAS CRACKED WHEN WE GOT IT.
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.

IT WON'T BE THE SAME THING ANYMORE
IF YOU REPAIR SOMETHING THAT'S BEEN SHATTERED
OR SO IT'S SAID
IT IS?
MAYBE I CAN FIX IT SOMEHOW...
BUT THIS WAS JOSHUA-SAN'S FAVORITE...
BY THE WAY...
SPEAKING OF THE PHRYGIANOS SIBLINGS...
AND SHATTERED THINGS...
...THAT REMINDS ME OF SOMETHING
HAH...
THIS IS WHAT I HEARD
THEIR SIBLINGS...
OUTA WASN'T ALWAYS—
squish
squeeze

NO IT'S I'M FINE
TOO ROUGH?
slip
YOU'RE A MARIA- YOU KNOW I HAVE TO BE THOROUGH WITH YOUR MASSAGE
WELL, THEN
gloop
rub
slide
H-HUH?
AS I WAS ABOUT TO SAY
JIITA WASN'T ALWAYS THE YOUNGEST
SHE AND JOSHUA HAD TWO BROTHERS AND A SISTER, ALL OF THEM YOUNGER THAN HER

THE WAY I HEARD IT THEY ALL USED TO LIVE IN ONE OF THOSE SMALL COUNTRIES NEAR THE EURASIAN BORDER WHERE THERE'S ALWAYS SOME SKIRMISH OR OTHER GOING ON

AND IT WAS DURING ONE OF THOSE...

JIITA AND JOSHUA WERE BOTH SADLY INJURED...

THEIR VILLAGE WAS BURNED TO THE GROUND

BUT AT LEAST THEY SURVIVED
OF THEIR FAMILY THEY WERE THE ONLY ONES

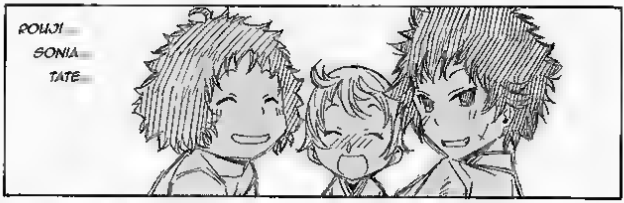
HE SAW THEY WERE GIFTED
AND SO THEY JOINED ADEPT
THEN HE CAME
AND HE SAVED THE TWO
NO...!

flip

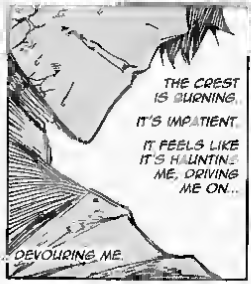
THAN THE ONE I CHOSE
FOR YUU AND MYSELF
THEY SHOULD FIND A DIFFERENT WAY TO HEAL, A BETTER WAY...
AND I TOLD HIM THAT IF IT'S POSSIBLE AT ALL...

I WARNED JOSHUA TO BE CAREFUL
LOSING A LOVED ONE, ESPECIALLY SOMEONE AS CLOSE AS A SIBLING...
IT CAN DESTROY YOU...

JIYA-CHAN...
JOSHUA-SAN...

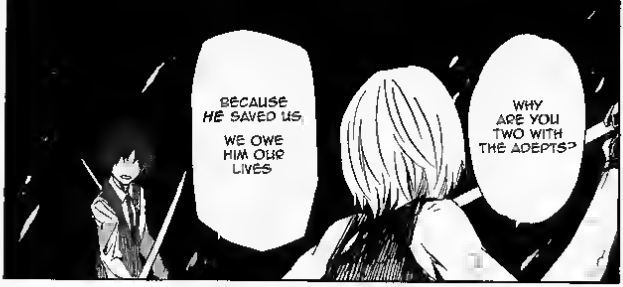

ROUJI...
SONIA...
TATE...

PRZZZ
WATCH OVER YOUR BIG BROTHER NOW


THE CREST IS BURNING.
IT'S IMPATIENT.
IT FEELS LIKE IT'S HAUNTING ME, DRIVING ME ON...
...DEVOURING ME.

TELL ME SOMETHING.

SSSSSSSSSS


BECAUSE HE SAVED US.
WE OWE HIM OUR LIVES
WHY ARE YOU TWO WITH THE ADEPTS?

WHAT DID YOU SAY ?

THAT'S FUNNY.

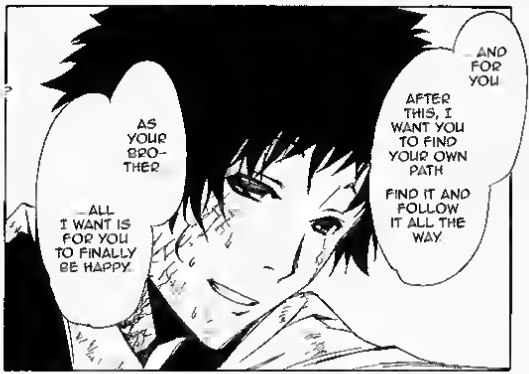
DON'T YOU THINK THAT'S FUNNY?
...AND TO REPAY HIM, YOU GIVE UP ON LIVING THEM?
YOU SAY HE SAVED YOUR LIVES

ANY-THING ELSE WOULD BE A WASTE!
SINCE WE WERE SAVED...
...WE HAVE TO KEEP LIVING!

SSSHHH
HE WILL CHANGE THE WORLD!
THAT ONE DAY...
HE WILL MAKE IT A PLACE WHERE THE WEAK AND THE INNOCENT ARE NO LONGER BUTCHERED BY THOSE WHO ARE STRONGER!
HE MADE US ALL A PROMISE!
HE MADE A VOW!
CLANG
AND SO
...AS AN ELDER BROTHER, IT IS MY DUTY TO AID HIM IN ANY WAY I CAN.
I OWE IT TO ALL THE LITTLE ONES...
TO EVERYONE I WAS TOO WEAK TO SAVE...
...TO MY UNENDING SHAME...
SHINING

...?
JIITA
I WANT YOU TO KNOW I'M DOING THIS OUT OF DUTY, FOR MY PRIDE

BROTHER?


...AND FOR YOU
AFTER THIS, I WANT YOU TO FIND YOUR OWN PATH
FIND IT AND FOLLOW IT ALL THE WAY
AS YOUR BRO-THER
...ALL I WANT IS FOR YOU TO FINALLY BE HAPPY

YEAH

SO, IRON USER
THIS IS IT

"SO OFTEN ARE YOU
AS A BLAZING TORCH

WITH EMBERS FALLING ABOUT YOU, BURNING
WWWMMMM

AND YOU KNOW NOT
IF THE FLAMES BRING FREEDOM
SSHHHFF
CLINK
OR DEATH

TO CONSUME ALL THAT YOU CHERISH
SHHH
HSOOHH

WILL
ONLY
ASHES
REMAIN

OR
WILL
THE
ASHES
HOLD
THE
GLORY

BROTHER!!
OF A STARLIKE DIAMOND, THE DAWNING OF EVERLASTING TRIUMPH"
—C.K. Norwid Backstage Ashes and Diamonds

FINALLY!

FINALLY...!

THE THEO-TOKOS OF TSARITSYN!

IT'S MINE!

I'M HOLDING IT IN MY HANDS!

HAHA...

HAHAHA

HAHA HA HA

BLAM
AT LAST... IT'S DONE OR ?
Uh...
tumble
THERE ARE SCENARIOS WHEREIN THE THEO-TOKOS MUST BE DESTROYED
TO TOUCH IT OR OTHER-WISE HANDLE IT IS ONE OF THOSE, OR WE INVITE DISAS-TER.

THERE, IT'S OVER.
FWOOM
REE
ting
BLAM BLAM BLAM
AND THAT'S THAT! MISSION ACCOMPLISHED, AM I RIGHT?
OR IT WOULD'VE BEEN...
IF WE WEREN'T IN A PLACE WHERE ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE
step
AT LEAST FOR ME.
BLAM BLAM BLAM

BLAM BLAM

BLAM BLAM

PLEASE

I HIGHLY DOUBT YOU CAN KILL ALL OF ME

OF COURSE, YOU'RE WELCOME TO TRY...

CLICK CLICK

!!

BUT I'M FEELING LUCKY

YOU SHOULD START THINKING ABOUT HEADING BACK TO REALITY SOON

MOOHM

IT'S GETTING TIME TO SETTLE THINGS OVER THERE...

AAH...
AAAAA...!!
BUH...
BROTHER...

WHAT YOU DID...

MY BROTHER
MY BROTHER...
WUH...
WHAT...

...I CANNOT FORGIVE.
THE AIR! IT'S MOVING TOWARD HER?
IS SHE REALLY DRAWING IN THE CARBON DIOXIDE?
SSSSSSSSS
AAA...
HAAAAAAAAH
RRRE

KRRIIING
HER GRIEF AND RAGE IS FEEDING INTO HER POWER, PUSHING IT TO A WHOLE NEW LEVEL!
NOW SHE'S TRULY MASTERING CARBON...

CRRRACK
WOOM
WWWOM
WOOOM
WWOOM
WWOOM
WWWOMM
WWWOM
WWWOM
WWOOOMM
BOOM
CRACK
BOOOM

KRAK

FIGHT! I WANT YOU TO STRUGGLE!

BOOM BOOOM BOOM

YOU'RE NOT EVEN TRYING TO USE YOUR IRON!

AS YOU ARE RIGHT NOW, YOU'RE TERRIFYING ENOUGH

...AND THAT I WILL NOT DO.

IT WOULD BE TOO MUCH LIKE MAKING LIGHT OF YOUR GRIEF

—BECAUSE THERE IS NO FIGHT TO BE HAD

I WON'T FIGHT YOU

?!

—AND I HAVE BEEN USING IT THIS WHOLE TIME

BUT I AM USING IT

clench

YOU'RE KEEPING HIM FROM BLEEDING OUT?

YOU...

BROTHER...

EVEN THOUGH HE'S BEEN CUT TO PIECES...

THERE'S HARDLY ANY BLOOD...?

THIS LOOKS MORE LIKE A CURSE THAN A CREST

TAKE A LOOK AT THIS

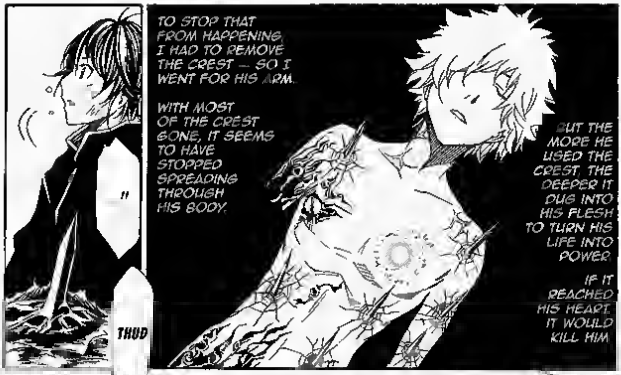
YOUR BRO-THER...

IT SEEMS HE SOLD HIS LIFE

IN EXCHANGE FOR THAT CREST

AND IT SEEMS HE ONLY DID IT...

...SO HE COULD RESCUE YOU


TO STOP THAT FROM HAPPENING, I HAD TO REMOVE THE CREST — SO I WENT FOR HIS ARM.
WITH MOST OF THE CREST GONE, IT SEEMS TO HAVE STOPPED SPREADING THROUGH HIS BODY.
BUT THE MORE HE USED THE CREST, THE DEEPER IT DUG INTO HIS FLESH TO TURN HIS LIFE INTO POWER.
IF IT REACHED HIS HEART, IT WOULD KILL HIM.
...
THUD

THIS MAN'S LIFE...
...ISN'T OVER YET.
AND NOW...
...I'M FOCUSING ON KEEPING HIS HEART BEATING.
THUD
THUD

BECAUSE WHEN I FIRST SAW YOU TWO HERE...
BUT... WHY?
I'M SO GLAD

I COULD SEE HOW MUCH YOU LOVE AND CARE FOR EACH OTHER...
...AND IT MADE MY HEART TREMBLE.
YOU...

JUTA, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
!!
OH...? WELL, SHIT SO JOSHUA LOST AFTER ALL.

BUT AT LEAST YOU'RE ALIVE AND WELL JUTA! THAT'S GOOD
MY, BUT THAT WAS A SWIFT VICTORY, IRON USER!
HOWEVER, IT WASN'T ENOUGH TO KEEP ME FROM FINDING
rustle

THE THEOTOKOS OF TSARITSYN!
!!

I SUPPOSE THERE'S NO WAY I CAN CONVINCE YOU TWO TO HELP ME MOVE AGAINST GRISHA NOW...?

FINALLY, I HAVE WHAT I'VE BEEN WORKING FOR!
NOW EVERYTHING ELSE WILL FALL INTO PLACE!

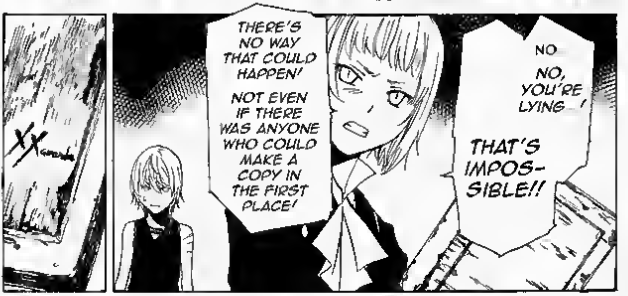
BROTHER...
WHAT IF...
WHAT IF I DID...?
...!!

YOU?!

YEAH, ABOUT THAT PAIN-TING...
THE MORE YOU KEEP SHOWING IT OFF...
...THE MORE YOU'LL END UP EMBARRAS-SING YOUR-SELF

WHAT ?!
WAIT, THE TEACHER FROM THE SUIREI ACADEMY?!
GIJOU?!
DO YOU MIND?!
I ADMIT I'M VERY IMPRESSED THAT YOU MANAGED TO SNEAK IN HERE...
BUT DID YOU REALLY DO IT JUST TO ANNOY ME?
?!
LOOK CLOSER
HOLY ICONS AREN'T USUALLY SIGNED BY THE ARTIST
BUT THAT THEOTOKOS MOST DEFINITELY IS
AND WOULDN'T YOU SAY THE SIGNATURE LOOKS FAMILIAR?

SEE. MANY YEARS AGO...
THE ORIGINAL WAS TAKEN FROM HERE IN SECRET, AND THAT COPY WAS LEFT IN ITS PLACE.
THAT ICON IS A FORGERY
ISN'T THAT...
MAFUYU'S...?


THERE'S NO WAY THAT COULD HAPPEN!
NOT EVEN IF THERE WAS ANYONE WHO COULD MAKE A COPY IN THE FIRST PLACE!
NO
NO, YOU'RE LYING...!
THAT'S IMPOS-SIBLE!!

YOU
I SEE YOU UNDER-STAND
SASHA

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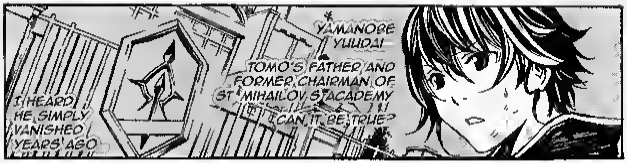
YAMANOBE YUUDAI?!

HE'S ALIVE?!



IMPOSSIBLE!!

THE THEOTOKOS OF TSARITSYN, STOLEN FROM THE WATER SANCTUARY?!

WITHOUT THE "MARIA OF THE SWORD" TO GUIDE THE WAY?!

THAT CAN'T HAPPEN!

HA HA HA

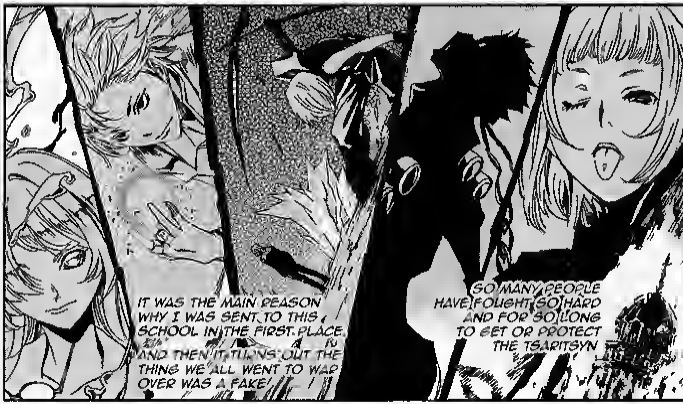
AS THE BEARER OF THE "NOAH", YOU OF ALL PEOPLE SHOULD KNOW THAT.

IF SOMETHING CAN'T BE PROVEN TO BE IMPOSSIBLE—

SOMEHOW, SOME WAY, IT CAN BE DONE.

NO, I JUST...
IT'S JUST SO FUNNY...

SA...
SASHA?
Are you okay...?
HA HA HA HA HA HA HA


IT WAS THE MAIN REASON WHY I WAS SENT TO THIS SCHOOL IN THE FIRST PLACE.
AND THEN IT TURNS OUT THE THING WE ALL WENT TO WAR OVER WAS A FAKE.
SO MANY PEOPLE HAVE FOUGHT SO HARD AND FOR SO LONG TO GET OR PROTECT THE TSARITSYN

"I'M SORRY"
YUUDAI HAS A MESSAGE FOR YOU SASHA

YAMANOBE YUUDAI CAN KEEP HIS MESSAGES

TELL HIM I'LL GET THAT APOLOGY FROM HIM IN PERSON

I WILL

WHO DO YOU TWO WORK FOR?

WHAT ARE YOU WORKING FOR?

LET'S JUST SAY

WE'RE NOT YOUR ENEMIES

BUT WE AREN'T YOUR ALLIES, EITHER

WWWOOOOOOOOOOOOOMMMMMMMMMM

ORIRE MAFUYU

mumble

YOU CAN STOP RIGHT THERE

crack

I MUST CAPTURE HER

SHE HAS ONE HALF OF THE "MARIA OF THE SWORD"

REGARDLESS OF HOW THIS TURNS OUT...

THE INFECTED STUDENTS HAVE BEEN CURED
AND NOW THEY'RE ALL RESTING
NURSE OIKAWA
rustle
OIKAWA REI
MY SWORN ENEMY
IF YOU CATCH MY DRIFT
I'VE SEEN ENOUGH BLOOD TO LAST ME A GOOD WHILE
REEEEE
BUT I'M NOT YOUR ALLY, EITHER
OKAY?
NO
NOT RIGHT NOW

AND YOU, FRIEDRICH TANNER...
THAT THE REAL TSARITSYN WASN'T HERE...
AFTER ALL, IT'S THANKS TO YOU...
BUT I SUPPOSE I STILL OWE YOU SOME KIND OF GRATITUDE
SO ALL THIS WAS FOR NOTHING, EIJOU.

SHUT UP...
ONLY NOW THAT YOU FINALLY GOT YOUR HANDS ON IT, IT'S A FAKE!
SEEING YOU END LIKE THIS IS ALMOST TOO PERFECT, YOU EVIL PIECE OF SHIT.
BUT HERE YOU ARE AGAIN, IN A STOLEN BODY THIS TIME, STILL CHASING AFTER THE TSARITSYN.
YOU'VE LOST ONE LIFE IN THIS PLACE ALREADY

JUST YOU WAIT! THIS ISN'T OVER YET...!
DON'T YOU DARE TAKE ME LIGHTLY!
SHUT UP SHUT UP SHUT UP SHUT UP SHUT! UP!!

YOU! JUST A WHILE AGO

YOU SAID SOMETHING

YES... "IF IT CAN'T BE PROVEN TO BE IMPOSSIBLE..."

"... IT CAN BE DONE."

THE "NOAH" HAS THE POWER TO TRAVEL BETWEEN POSSIBILITIES.

AND I SHOULD KNOW, BECAUSE I'M THE BEARER OF THE "NOAH", RIGHT?!

WELL...

I'LL SIMPLY LET IT GUIDE ME TO A POSSIBILITY WHERE YAMANOBE YUUDAI NEVER STOLE THE TSARITSYN.

!!

KA-CLICK
JIITA! PROTECT ME!!
BUT TO DO THAT, YOU HAVE TO PROTECT ME WITH EVERY-THING YOU'VE GOT!
I HAVE TO GO THROUGH THEM ALL TO FIND JUST THE RIGHT ONE!
TENS OF THOUSANDS— NO, A HUNDRED MILLION MOMENTS!

BROTHER
NOW!!

JIITA!!!

THE VILLAGE YOU AND YOUR FAMILY LIVED IN WHEN YOU WERE A CHILD?
THE DISPUTE THAT LED TO ITS DESTRUCTION...
...BUT COULD IT BE...
...THAT YOU REALLY DON'T KNOW?
JIITA, DEAR...
STOP ME IF I'M WRONG...

DON'T LISTEN TO HIM, JIITA!!
YOU CAN'T TRUST A SINGLE WORD HE SAYS!!
...WAS INSTIGATED BY NONE OTHER THAN THE FREELANCE TERRORIST KNOWN AS THE "DOUBLE-HEADED CREST MAKER".

YOU DEFY ME?
YOU MOTHER-FUCKER, IF WHAT HE SAYS IS TRUE, I'M—
WHY NOT?!
NO, WORSE...
YOU DEFY HIM?!
BLAM
...!!

!!

...YOU'RE GRAVELY MISTAKEN.

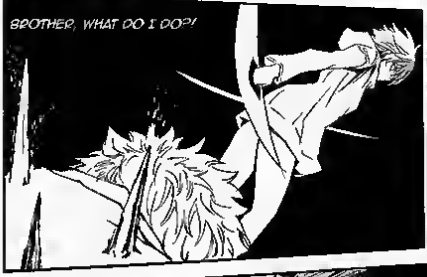
THE NEXT ONE STOP YOU.

IF YOU THINK FOR ONE SECOND THAT I MISSED...

CLICK

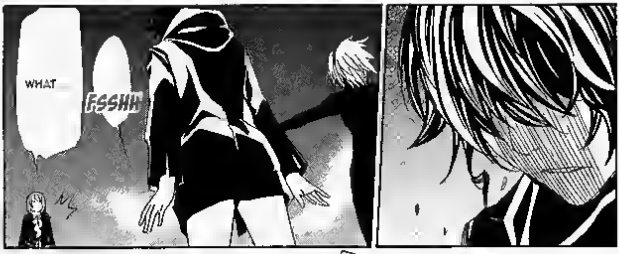
CHAK
SE... SERAPHIM-ENGRAVED BULLETS?!
LOOKS LIKE YOUR MIND IS ABOUT TO BE BLOWN FOR REAL!
OH MY!
WOULD YOU LOOK AT THAT!
THIS IS WHERE YOU FINALLY DIE
TIITAAA!!
RREEEEE
TWITCH

RUSH
CUT HER!!


BROTHER, WHAT DO I DO?!

WHAT DO I DO?

AS YOUR BROTHER, ALL I WANT IS FOR YOU TO FINALLY BE HAPPY.
I WANT YOU TO FIND YOUR OWN PATH.


WHAT...
FSSHH

GET OVER THERE AND STAB THAT BITCH!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?! MOVE!!
SHUT THE FUCK UP
JIITA—

YOU'RE NOT EDGAR

SO DON'T YOU DARE SPEAK TO ME IN MY FRIEND'S VOICE, WEARING MY FRIEND'S FACE...

...TANNER!

SHOCK

...!!

IF THE REAL YOU GETS SHOT WITH ONE OF THOSE BULLETS...

THIS ENTIRE CONVER-GENCE OF YOURS WILL END

dust

SO...

LOOKS LIKE THIS GAME'S OVER

DON'T YOU THINK?

NO...

NOT YET

NOT UNTIL I SAY IT IS!

I'VE STILL GOT ONE MORE CARD TO PLAY!

THE FINAL ASPECT OF THE "NOAH"!

YOU HAVEN'T SEEN ANYTHING YET!
WWOOOOO
I RELEASE THE "NOAH" FROM ALL SHACKLES...
...AND INVOKE THE ARK!!

WHAT...
WHAT IS THIS...?
WHAT'S THE MATTER, JUITA?
I
HUH?

THIS IS.
ARE YOU FEELING ALL RIGHT?
YOU LOOK LIKE YOU'RE SLEEP-WALKING OR SOME-THING
COME ON, GET THOSE PLATES ON THE TABLE
CLINKER
TATE ?!
SONIA?!
ROUJI!
STOMP STOMP STOMP
OH, WOW!
WE'RE HAVING BIG BROTHER'S SPECIAL STEW!

WHAT'S GOING ON, SIS?

OUCH! YOU'RE HUGGING TOO HARD...

YOU...

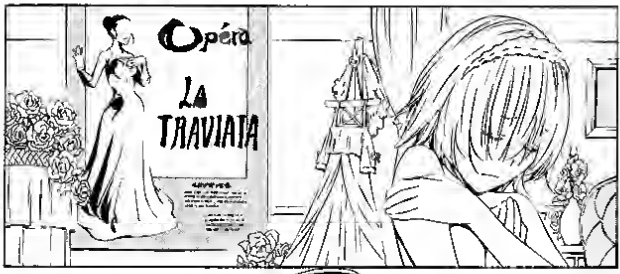
YOU RE...

WHO ?!
I WILL, THANK YOU!
MY...
MY VOICE?!

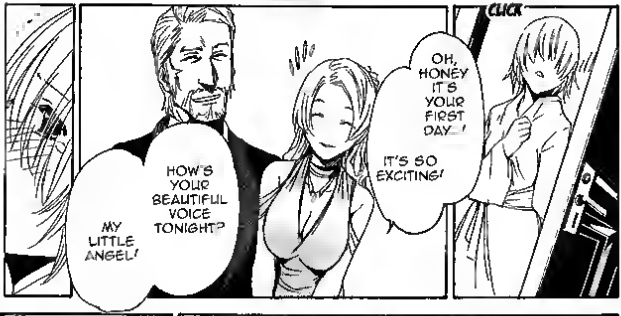
ALL MY SCARS ARE GONE...

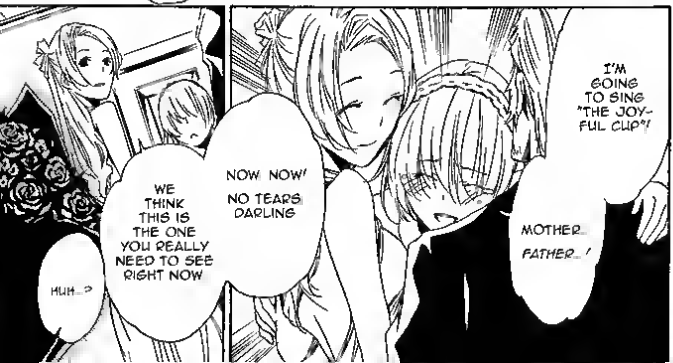
MY BODY'S PURE AGAIN...
I'M... CLEAN?

THE THROAT SCAR'S GONE...


Opéra
La TRAVIATA

KNOCK KNOCK KNOCK


MY LITTLE ANGEL!
HOW'S YOUR BEAUTIFUL VOICE TONIGHT?
OH, HONEY IT'S YOUR FIRST DAY...!
IT'S SO EXCITING!
CLICK


HUH...?
WE THINK THIS IS THE ONE YOU REALLY NEED TO SEE RIGHT NOW
NOW NOW! NO TEARS DARLING
I'M GOING TO SING "THE JOYFUL CUP"!
MOTHER... FATHER...!

SASHA...
YOU LOOK ABSOLUTELY STUNNING
...LEE MAY
AND TO THINK SHE HAD HIM IN HER SIGHTS
THE ARK... THE MOST POWERFUL ASPECT OF THE "NOAH".

THEIR MINDS HAVE BEEN CAST INTO THE HELL OF INFINITE POSSIBILITIES.
STILL MAYBE I SHOULDN'T BE SURPRISED
THAT HE'S RESISTING
GAAH!!
KRSSSHH

YOU JUST KEEP ON COMING, DON'T YOU?

THOK

AAH!

SHFFT

SHFFT

SHFF

SHFFT

SHFF

COME ON, I WANT TO KNOW!

MMMMMM

TELL ME, WHILE YOU WERE IN THERE, DID YOU CONNECT WITH ANY OF THE OTHER FAILURES?

IT'S NOT A DREAM.

I...

THIS IS LIKE A DREAM.

I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU'RE REALLY HERE, SASHA

CLICK

I'M HERE

BECAUSE THIS IS WHERE YOU WANT ME TO BE

slide

A...

SASHA...
SASHA... PROMISE ME...
PLEASE... PROMISE ME WE'LL WAIT
ON OUR WEDDING DAY, I...
I WANT TO BE PURE...
SO...
OF COURSE...
YOU KNOW YOU DON'T EVEN HAVE TO SAY IT
I LOVE YOU

AND I LOVE YOU...
SASHA

I DOUBT IT

IT'D ALL BE A BIG LIE ANYWAY

THAT'S SOMETHING I CAN DO WITHOUT

THEIR MINDS ARE IN REALITIES OF THEIR OWN NOW

IF YOU'D BEEN A GOOD BOY AND STAYED ON THE ARK, YOU COULD'VE BEEN HAPPY TOO

A LIE?

THAT'S WHERE YOU'RE WRONG

WHATEVER THE GIRLS ARE EXPERIENCING NOW, IT'S AS REAL AS YOU AND I

ONLY IT'S NOT *HERE*, NOT *OUR* REALITY

THINK OF THE ARK

AS A SHIP THAT'S TAKEN THEIR MINDS ACROSS AN OCEAN OF PARALLEL WORLDS

AND UNLESS I COMMAND IT

THAT SHIP IS NEVER COMING BACK

WWWOO
BUT REALLY, YOU SHOULD BE HAPPY FOR THEM
THEY'RE LIVING NEW LIVES IN WORLDS ENTIRELY OF THEIR OWN CHOOSING...
...AND AS YOU CAN SEE, THE ONES THEY CHOSE WASN'T THIS ONE
MMMMMMM
...SO I GUESS I'LL TAKE PITY ON YOU AND SIMPLY CONVERGE ALL YOUR POSSIBILITIES TO THIS MOMENT...
HOWEVER, THE FACT THAT YOU'RE STILL HERE TELLS ME YOU HAVE NO DREAMS OR DESIRES...
WWWWWWOOO
...AND PUT AN END TO ALL OF THEM AT ONCE!

NO MORE NO
?

...MORE!

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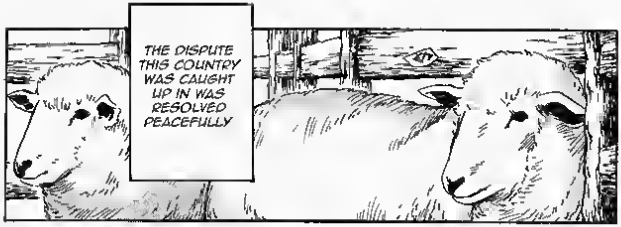
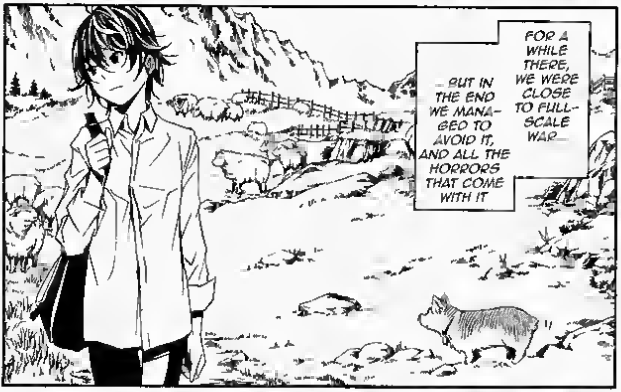
Chapter 62: Waves of Convergence

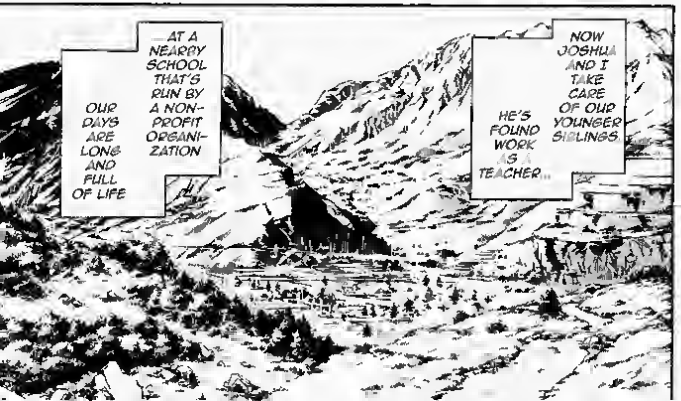
WHEN WE'RE AT SCHOOL YOU HAVE TO CALL ME "TEACHER" YOU KNOW!
BROTHER WHAT ARE WE GOING TO LEARN TODAY?
YEAH I KNOW!
WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?
Brotherrr!

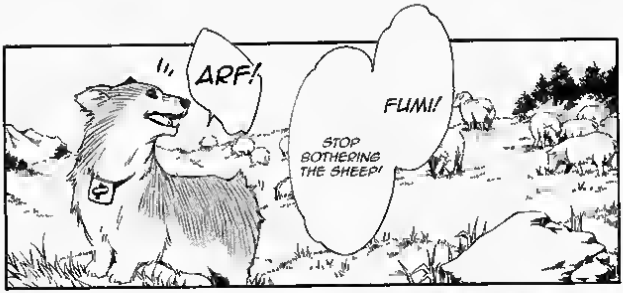
OKAY, JIITA WE'RE OFF NOW!
YEAH!
GOOD-BYE!!

OKAY, THEN

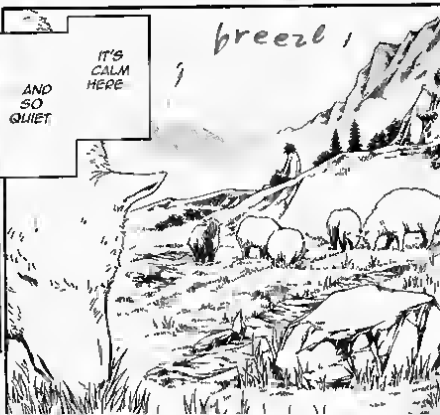

THE DISPUTE THIS COUNTRY WAS CAUGHT UP IN WAS RESOLVED PEACEFULLY


FOR A WHILE THERE, WE WERE CLOSE TO FULL-SCALE WAR—
—BUT IN THE END WE MANAGED TO AVOID IT, AND ALL THE HORRORS THAT COME WITH IT

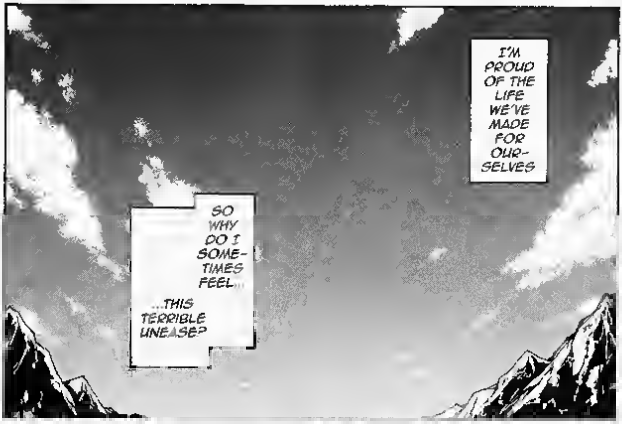

NOW JOSHUA AND I TAKE CARE OF OUR YOUNGER SIBLINGS.
HE'S FOUND WORK AS A TEACHER...
—AT A NEARBY SCHOOL THAT'S RUN BY A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION
OUR DAYS ARE LONG AND FULL OF LIFE


ARF!
FUMI!
STOP BOTHERING THE SHEEP!

fwik!
fwik
fwik


IT'S CALM HERE
AND SO QUIET
breezl

I'M ALMOST SURPRISED TO SAY IT
...BUT I'M HAPPY HERE
BUT IT'S NEVER BORING


I'M PROUD OF THE LIFE WE'VE MADE FOR OUR-SELVES
SO WHY DO I SOME-TIMES FEEL...
...THIS TERRIBLE UNEASE?

step

OIITA PHRYGIANOS, AM I RIGHT?
YOU'RE SOME ARTIST!

I HAVE AN ACQUAINTANCE, A PAINTER
HE SHOWED ME SOME OF YOUR PIECES
AND I KNEW RIGHT THEN AND THERE THAT I JUST HAD TO MEET YOU!
WHOA! THESE ARE AMAZING!
CLICK

TELL ME WHEN YOU MAKE ONE OF THESE, DO YOU HAVE SOMEONE MODEL FOR YOU?
DID YOU COME FOR A PARTICULAR REASON, OR JUST ?
YOUR WORK IS SO LIFE-LIKE!
I JUST GET THESE IMAGES IN MY HEAD FROM TIME TO TIME
BUT THEY'RE ALL OF PEOPLE THAT DON'T EXIST
OH! OH, NO...!
I FELT I HAD TO TAKE THESE IMAGES AND GIVE THEM SHAPE IN THE REAL WORLD
ACTUALLY... THAT'S KIND OF WHY I STARTED SCULPTING IN THE FIRST PLACE

UM...

I, UH...

I KIND OF HAVE THIS WISH...

DON'T BE SHY

LET'S HEAR IT, IF I CAN DO IT, I'LL DO IT

UH... SURE

PROMISE?!

HEY, SIS!!

WE'RE HOME!!

BANG

UM...

WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU GUYS?!

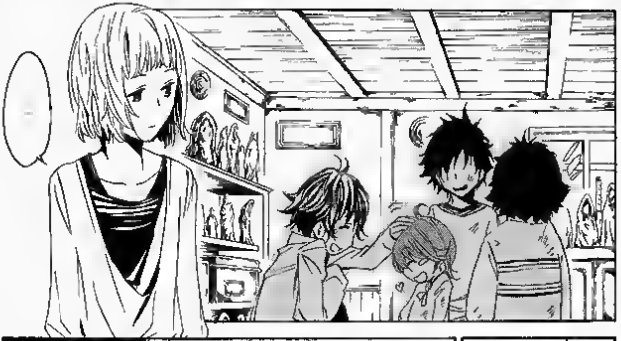
YOU'RE COVERED IN DIRT...

LOOK!

WE PICKED THEM!!

OH, THANKS, YOU GUYS

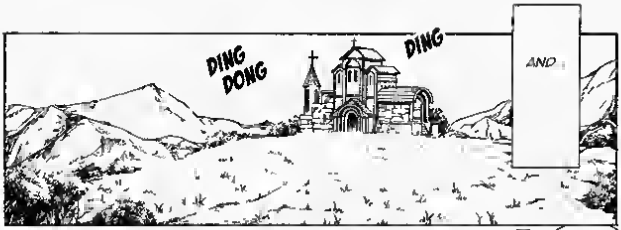
AND YOU CAN DRAW THEM, TOO!
YOU CAN MAKE PATTERNS OF THEM IN YOUR SCULP-TURES!



IT CAN WAIT
WE'LL TALK ABOUT IT SOME OTHER TIME
THERE'S NO HURRY

BUT I'M BEING RUDE TO OUR GUEST!
SO THAT REQUEST YOU HAD ?

AND SO...
...TIME GOES ON
twik
twik
twik
IT ROLLS LAZILY BEFORE US...
LIKE A GENTLE BREEZE
clink
SOON
...TATE AND ROUJI LEAVE TO MAKE THEIR OWN WAY IN LIFE
OUR HOUSE IS GROWING QUIET
COOK

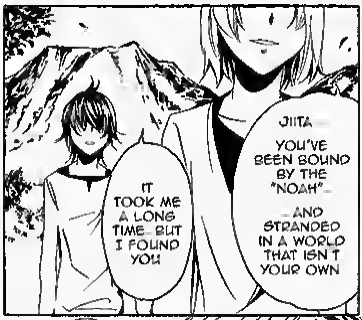

DING DONG
DING
AND

I LOVE YOU!
SISTER...
I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR TAKING CARE OF ME FOR SO LONG

YOU LOOK GOR-GEOUS!
YOU'RE SO BEAU-TIFUL, SONIA

WELL, THE DAY CAME AND WENT
IT FEELS LIKE WE'RE FINALLY DONE.
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT, JIITA?
WE STILL HAVE YOU TO TAKE CARE OF!
THAT'LL BE OUR NEXT PROJECT!
FINDING SOMETHING JUST FOR YOU!
AS YOUR BROTHER, ALL I WANT IS FOR YOU TO BE HAPPY
JIITA?
WHAT'S WRONG?
NOTHING
I'M FINE.

THIS IS SUCH A BEAUTIFUL PLACE...
IT IS, BUT...
...I DON'T BELONG HERE...
I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU, EDGAR...
ALL MY BITTER REGRETS HAVE BEEN LAID TO REST...
...AND NOW I'M FREE.
YOU CAN TELL ME YOUR WISH NOW.
I'M...
I'M SO SORRY TO DO THIS TO YOU...
IT'S FINE, EDGAR.
I THINK WE'RE OLD FRIENDS BY NOW, AREN'T WE?


JIITA...
YOU'VE BEEN BOUND BY THE "NOAH"...
...AND STRANDED IN A WORLD THAT ISN'T YOUR OWN
IT TOOK ME A LONG TIME... BUT I FOUND YOU

I MADE YOU A PROMISE.
I WANT TO HEAR WHAT YOU HAVE TO SAY...

MY WISH IS THAT YOU, YOU GO BACK THERE...
...?!
WHERE YOU CAME FROM THERE'S A THING INSIDE ME THAT SHOULD NOT BE

AND THEN, JIITA...

I WANT YOU TO KILL ME

TAN-NER

WHEN YOU HI-JACKED EDGAR'S BODY...

DID YOU THINK HIS MIND WOULD JUST DISAPPEAR?

HOW COULD YOU NOT REALIZE
...THAT IF THERE ARE OTHER REALITIES
...THERE ARE OTHER EDGARS AS WELL?
...HIS MIND FLED INTO THE OTHER WORLDS...
...NO THEN HE FOUND ME.
WHEN YOU INVADED...
...AND THAT WAS TO LIVE.
BUT THAT WAS THEN.
HE HAD ONLY ONE WISH

AND MAFUYU AS WELL
I CONSIDER MYSELF FORTUNATE
AFTER ALL, THIS IS WHERE I MET SASHA, AND FUMI, AND LILY
AND TO TELL THE TRUTH
I'M HAPPY TO BE BACK
NOW, BECAUSE OF YOU, HIS ONLY WISH IS TO DIE
THAT'S WHY HE WOKE ME UP
RREEEEEEEE
NOW I HAVE NO REGRETS
THAT WAS ENOUGH!
OVER THERE, JUST GETTING TO LIVE MY LIFE DAY BY DAY
...AND SO I'VE COME...
...TO FULFILL MY FRIEND'S LAST WISH!

WWOOM
DO IT, JIITA!!
YOU MUST BE JOKING!

HE... HE SHIFTED OUR PLACES?!

WWWWW

ALWAYS WITH YOUR OBVIOUS HEAD-ON ATTACKS!

YOU SHOULD LEARN SOME NEW TRICKS YOU DULL CHILD!

HA! IDIOT!!

SLAP

AAAH!!

WOOM

WOOM

WWWOOM

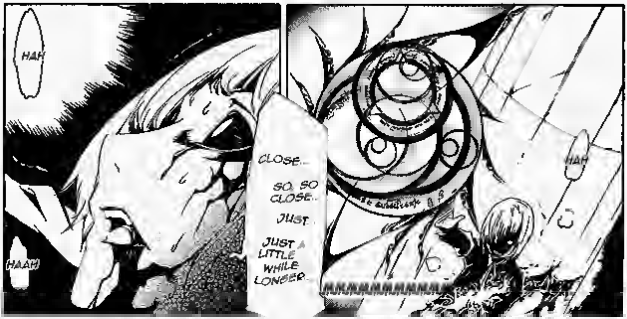
WELL...

...THEN...

HOW'S THAT?
THUNK
CRRACK
nuh..
NUH NOT YET
THE "NOAH" THE POWER I STILL
slump

WHERE
WHERE IS IT ...?!
THE MOMENT
THIS NEVER HAPPENED
MMMMMMMM
THE WORLD
WHERE I WIN...
HAAH
OKAY...
...SASHA...
stumble
HAAH...
I CAN TAKE IT FROM HERE
USING MY CARBON I CAN WORK WITH ORGANIC COMPOUNDS
AND KEEP MY BROTHER'S HEART BEATING
THUD
THUD
THUD
SQUEEZE

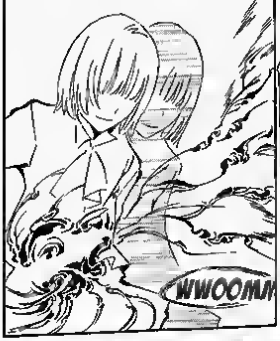
...!


HAH
HAAH
CLOSE...
SO, SO CLOSE...
JUST
JUST A LITTLE WHILE LONGER...
HAH

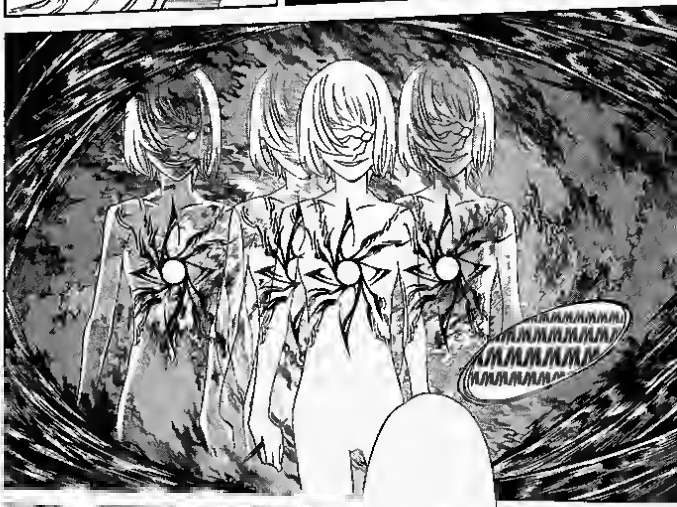
step
SHAME...
YOU ALMOST HAD IT
TANNER.

stab

GRIT
YOU LITTLE PRICK!
WHATEVER THE "NOAH" IS SHOWING YOU, IT'S LYING
THERE ARE NO OTHER POSSIBLE OUTCOMES FOR YOU.
SHINING
...THAN THE ONE WHERE I END YOU ONCE AND FOR ALL!
So Tremble
and Fall to your Knees!


WWOOMM

WHAT...?!
OH
IT'S A BIT LATE
FOR THAT



AND
IT'S
DONE.

I'VE CALLED UPON SEVERAL POSSI-BILITIES AT ONCE...
...AND NOW I MERGE US ALL INTO ONE GREATER BEING.
MEDDLING FOOLS, ALL OF YOU.
WHY WOULD YOU DENY ME THAT POSSI-BILITY...
...AFTER ALL I SUFFERED TO FIND IT?!

YOU JUST DON'T GET IT!
BUT THE ONES YOU WORK TO CREATE YOURSELF!
, THE ONLY POSSIBILITIES WORTH A DAMN AREN'T THE ONES THAT ARE JUST HANDED TO YOU.

AND THAT'S WHY I LOVE THIS WORLD AS IT IS
BECAUSE NO MATTER HOW PAINFUL THE PAST
...AND EVEN IF THERE'S NOTHING BUT PAIN TO COME...
...OR HOW PAINFUL THE PRESENT...

IT'S OUR OWN TRAIL OF CHOICES THAT CONVERGE INTO THE POSSIBILITIES THAT APPEAR BEFORE US
THEY'RE THE ONES THAT MATTER
FROM THE DAY WE'RE BORN
AND ALL THE WAY...

WELL, THEN...
buckle
...TO...
...TO THE END...
DIEEE!!
THUD
CRAACK
?!

LEE MAY!!

...AND WE WERE IN LOVE

THE YOU I MET WAS SUCH A KIND, WONDERFUL MAN...

OH...

BUT NOW

...AS THE REAL YOU STAND BEFORE ME, SASHA

BECAUSE, EVEN IF I COULD SPEAK...
...I WOULD ONLY LIE.
...I FEEL BLESSED TO HAVE NO VOICE.
...FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MY LIFE...
BUT IT CAME TO ME SO EASILY.
OVER, THERE. I WAS IN LOVE WITH YOU, IN LOVE WITH LOVING YOU!

I WAS TOUCHED BY YOUR KINDNESS BUT THAT WASN'T ANYTHING LIKE THE LOVE I HAD FOR YOU IN THAT OTHER PLACE...

BECAUSE REAL LIFE CAN'T BE THAT SIMPLE

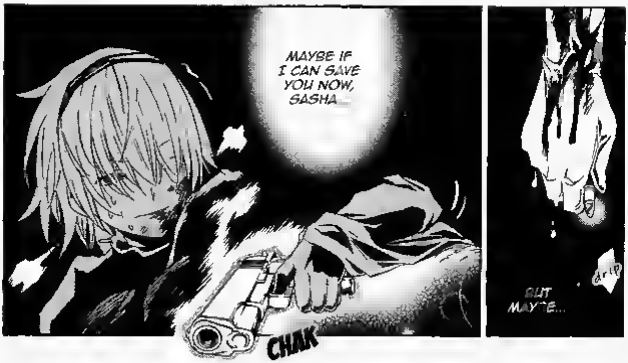
THAT I KNEW IT COULDN'T BE TRUE

IT WAS JUST A DREAM, BORN OUT OF THAT BRIEF MOMENT WHEN YOU PROTECTED ME, WHEN YOU GAVE ME A GLIMPSE OF YOUR GENTLE SIDE

HHHH

GET OUT OF THE WAY!!

KRRRRK



...I CAN COME CLOSER TO FEELING SOMETHING LIKE THAT LOVE ONCE MORE

ALL THE THINGS I'VE DONE IN THE PAST...

WASHED SOME OF IT OFF
BUT BRIEF AS IT WAS I THINK MAYBE YOUR KINDNESS
KL-
DON'T! NO! NO! NOO! NOO!
IT HURTS YES!
tremble
BUT I CAN TAKE IT
IF IT MEANS I GET TO DO AT LEAST ONE GOOD THING IN RETURN, TAKE ONE STEP CLOSER TO EARNING THAT FEELING I HAD
SO LET ME DO SOMETHING FOR YOU, SASHA

...AND FOR THIS WORLD THAT YOU LOVE.
WHOOM
LEE MAY!!

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